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Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board

Re: Request for determination of eligibility of Bridge MP 40.19 over the Flatrock River in relation to CSX Transportation, Inc.'s acquisition of over 106.5 miles of the Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company between Indianapolis, IN, milepost 4.0, and Louisville, KY, milepost 110.5 (Docket #35523; DHPA #11979)

Dear Mr. Wollschlager:

Thank you for the information submitted on September 9, 2011 and received on September 12, 2011, pertaining to the bridge located near Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana.

Based on our analysis, we believe that the Louisville & Indiana Railroad Co. Bridge MP 40.19 (P.C.C. & St. L. RR Bridge No. 20) over Flatrock Creek meets the criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. We noted that Bridge MP 40.19, which was designed by the Edge Moor Bridge Works of Wilmington, Delaware, appears to be significant under Criterion A and C for its association with transportation and as a good example of a heavily built Pratt through truss bridge.

It is our understanding that an environmental assessment and historic properties report are currently being prepared will be provided to the Indiana SHPO for review and comment. Once this information is received, the Indiana SHPO will resume identification and evaluation procedures for this project. Please keep in mind that additional information may be requested in the future.

A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on August 5, 2004, may be found on the Internet at www.achp.gov for your reference. If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger-Williams at (317) 234-3791 or cdraeger-williams@dnr.IN.gov. If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Chad Slider at (317) 234-5366 or cslider@dnr.IN.gov. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #11979.

Very truly yours,

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cc: ✓ David C. Navecky, Surface Transportation Board